

May 29, 2007

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 911, an Act relating to and making appropriations to state departments and agencies from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, Vertical Infrastructure Fund, the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund, and the Technology Reinvestment Fund. House File 911 is approved on this date, with the exceptions noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 1, subsection 1, paragraph g. This designated paragraph appropriates \$120,000 for the purchase and installation of decorative planters on the west side of the West Capitol Terrace Project. Since Fiscal Year 2006, the West Capitol Terrace Project has received nearly \$2.8 million in state funding, and I am approving an additional \$1.6 million for this project again in Fiscal Year 2008. I also believe that the local community interests should be able to contribute to the cost of these planters.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 1, subsection 4, paragraph c. This designated item appropriates \$80,000 for repair of the Kimball organ located in Clermont, Iowa. The Department of Cultural Affairs has submitted an application to the Save America's Treasures organization to obtain the necessary funding to restore this important piece of Iowa history. With approval of this application pending, it is premature to approve limited state funding at this time.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 4 in its entirety. This designated section appropriates \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2009 for equal distribution to regional sports authority districts. I am unable to approve this item because it provides second-year funding in advance for this project. I will re-evaluate the feasibility of a Fiscal Year 2009 appropriation for this project after the first year of funding appropriated in HF 911.

Finally, I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 5 in its entirety. This designated provision provides for Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations of \$750,000 for the continuation of the Volga River State Recreation Area project and \$500,000 for the Levi Carter Lake project. I am unable to approve this designated item because it provides second-year funding in advance for these two projects. I will re-evaluate the feasibility of a Fiscal Year 2009 appropriation for these projects after the first year of funding appropriated in House file 911.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove of the designated items in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 911 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

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